

Where do our taxes go?

State Government
Revenue

General Fund Budget


The Constitution and
the State Budget:

- TABOR,
Referendum C,
Gallagher, and
Amendment 23

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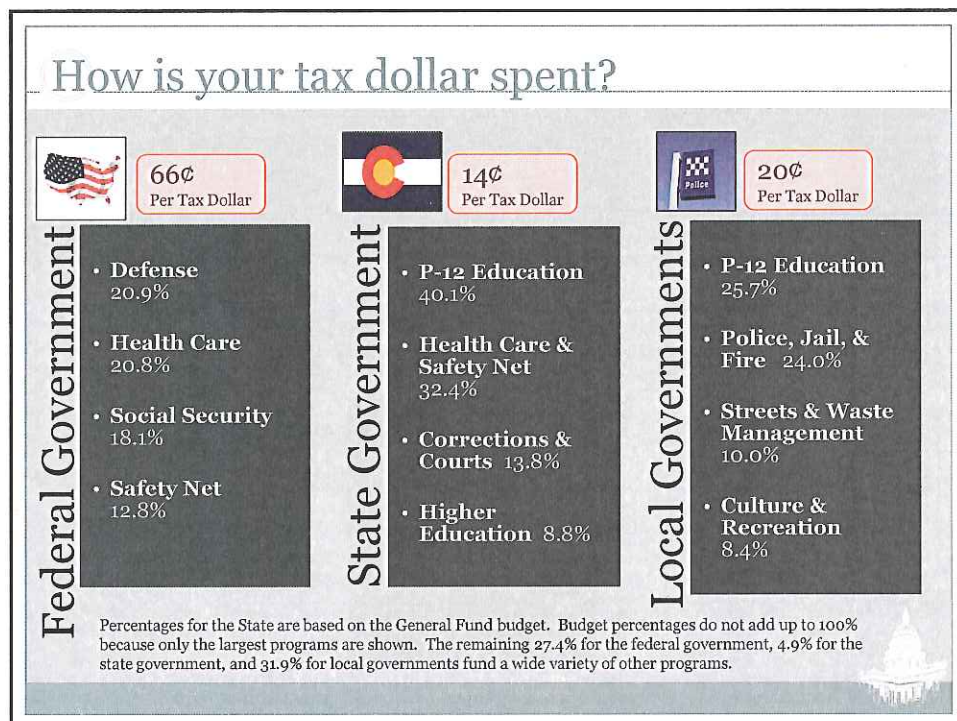
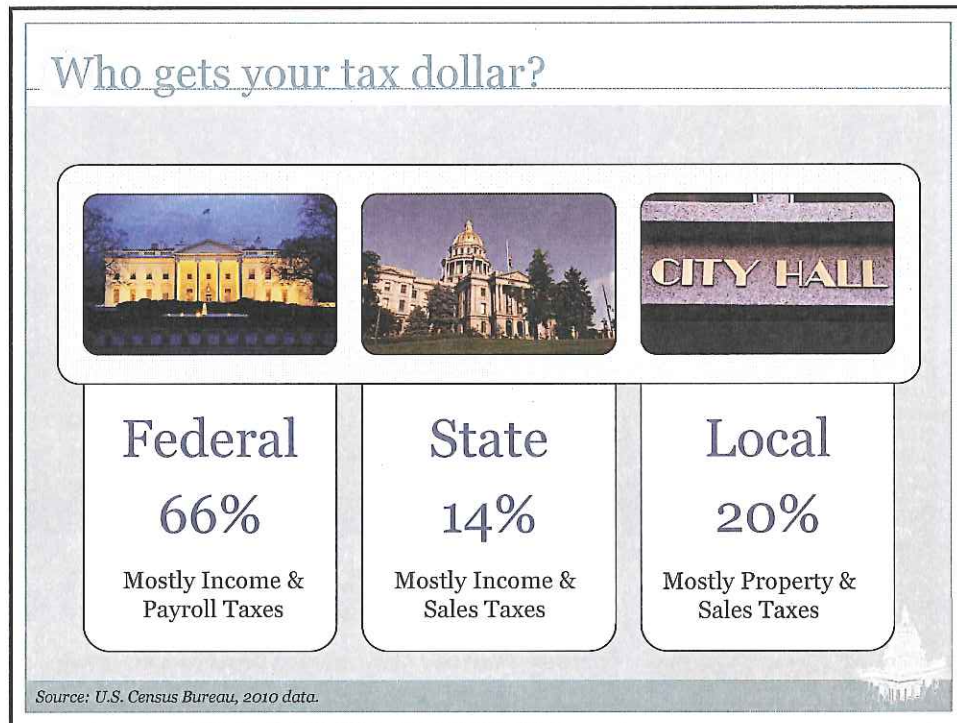
Understanding the State Budget
The **Big Picture**

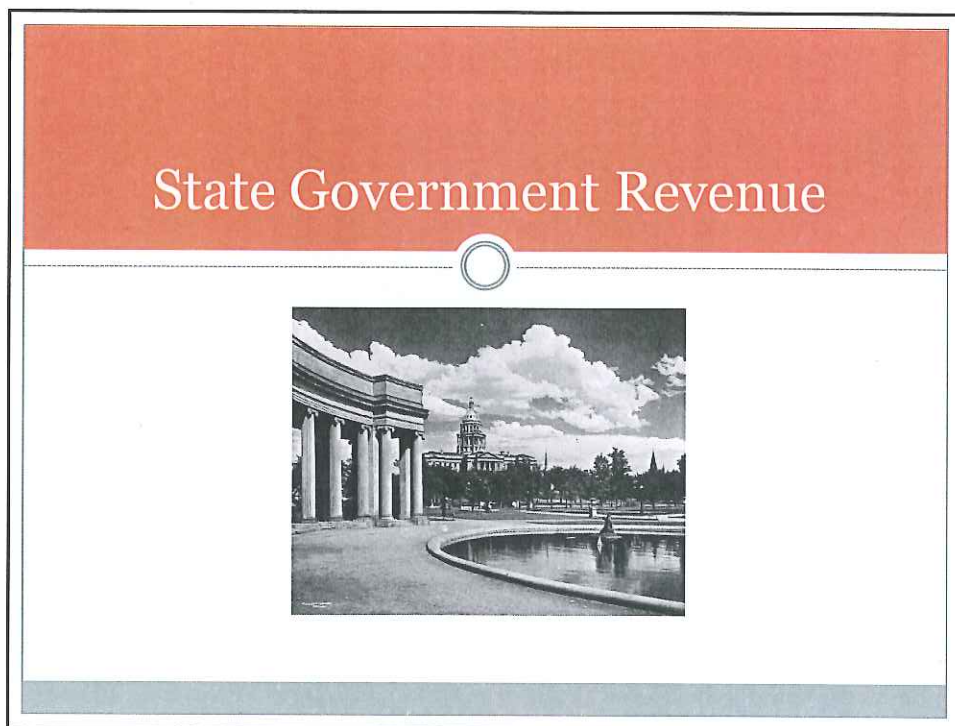
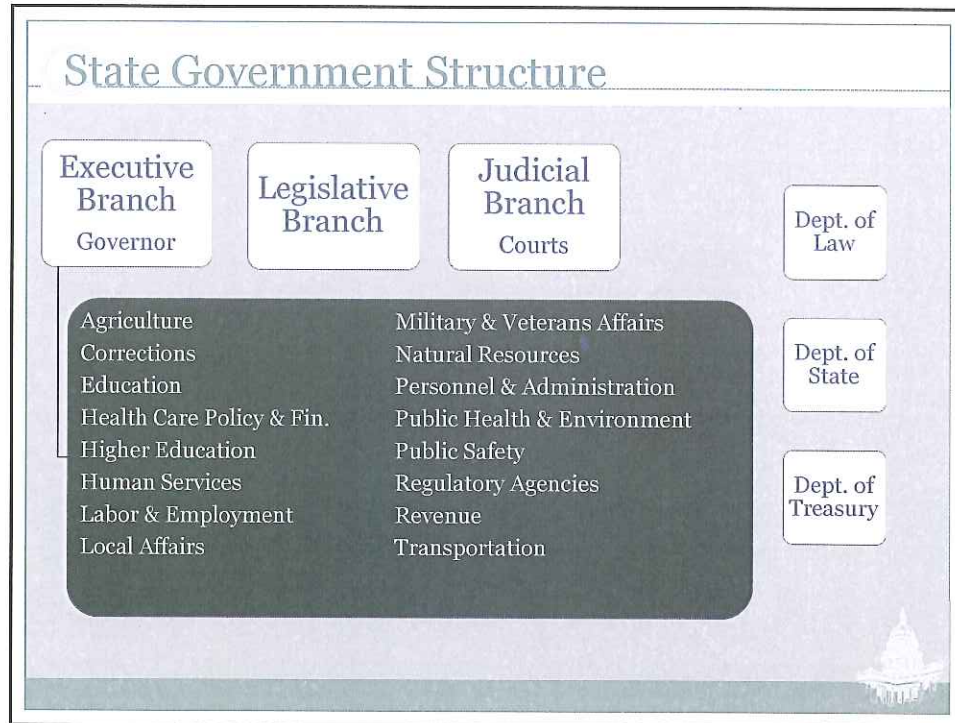
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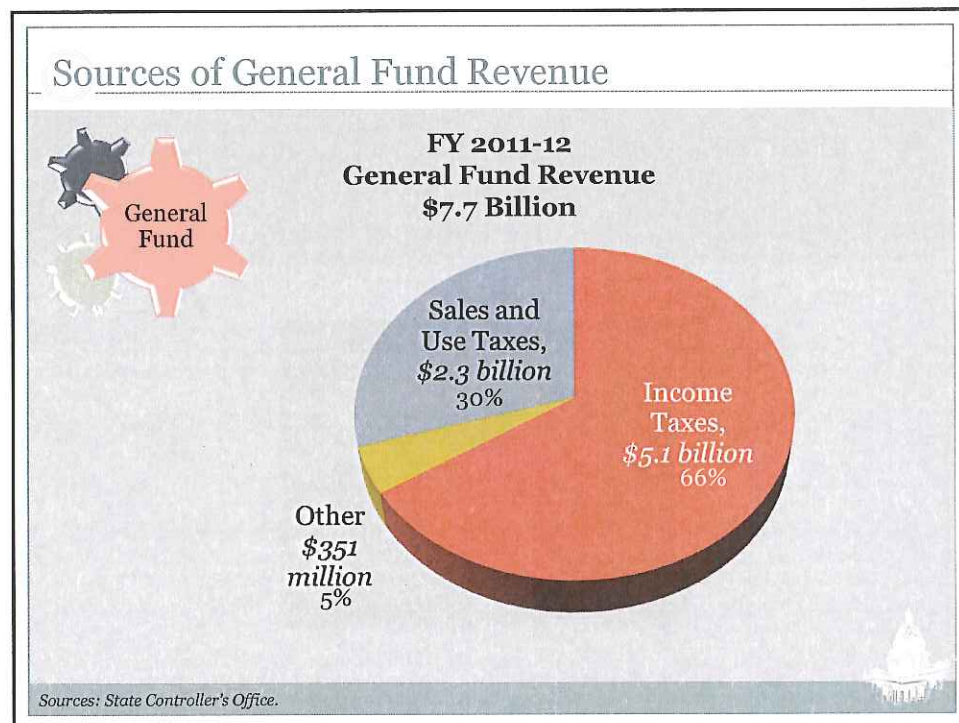
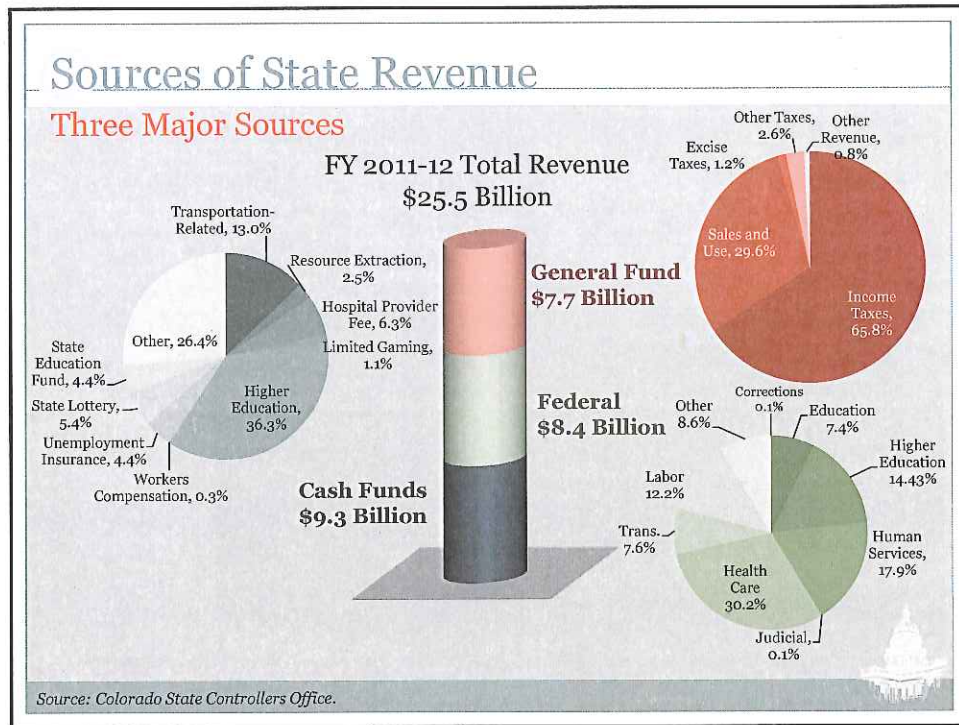
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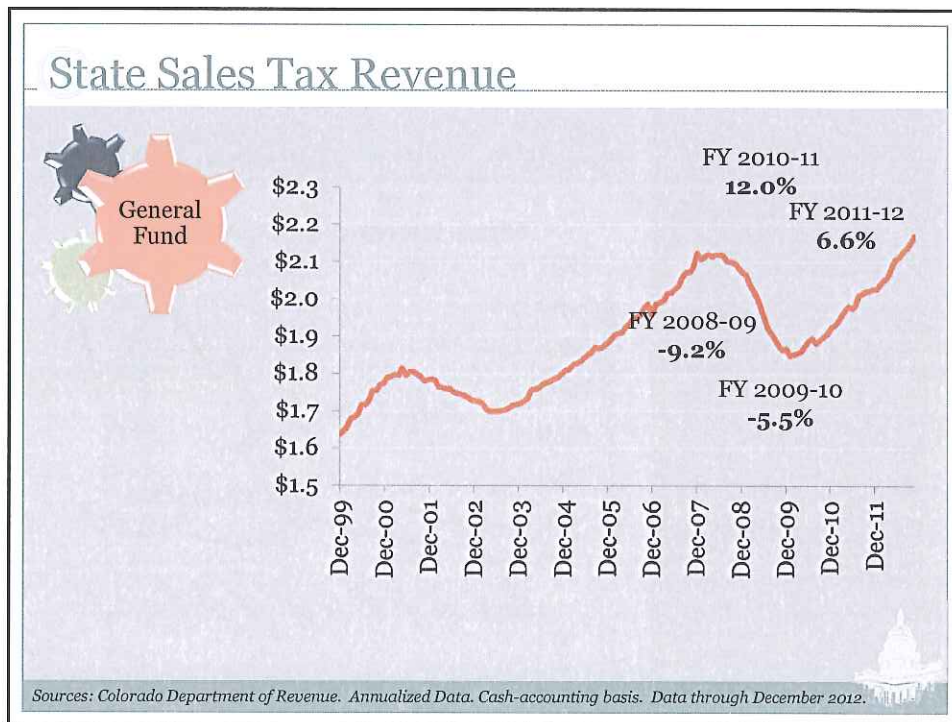
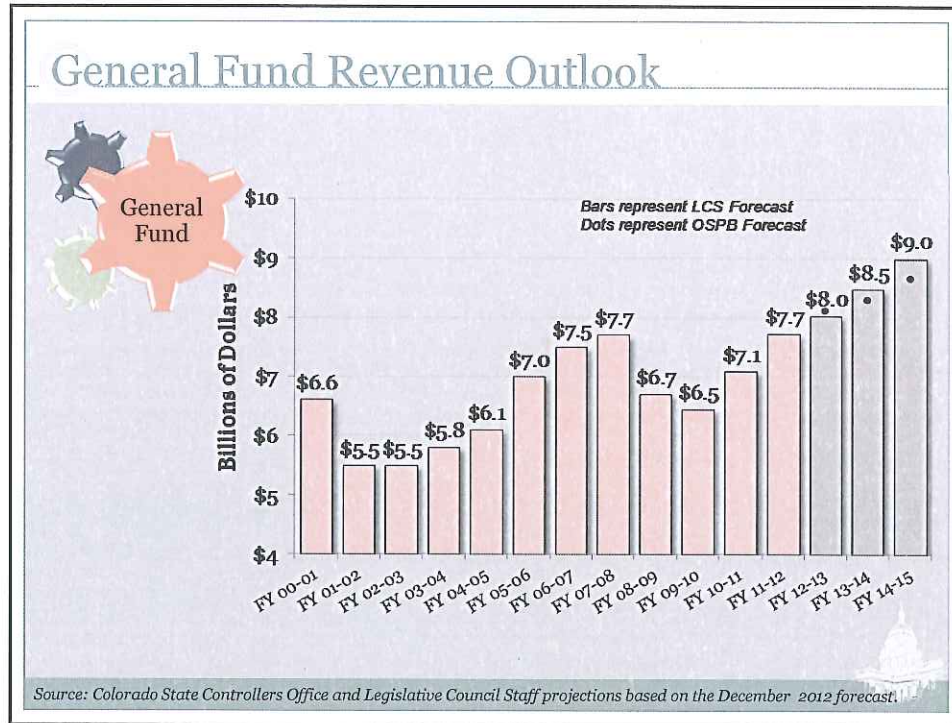
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HOW IS YOUR TAX DOLLAR SPENT?

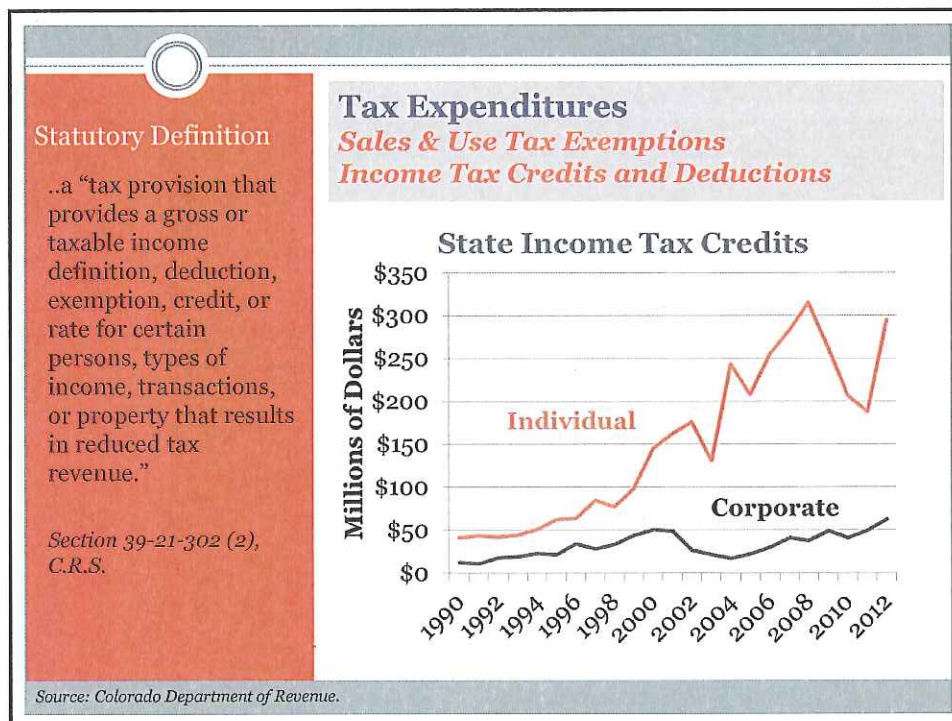
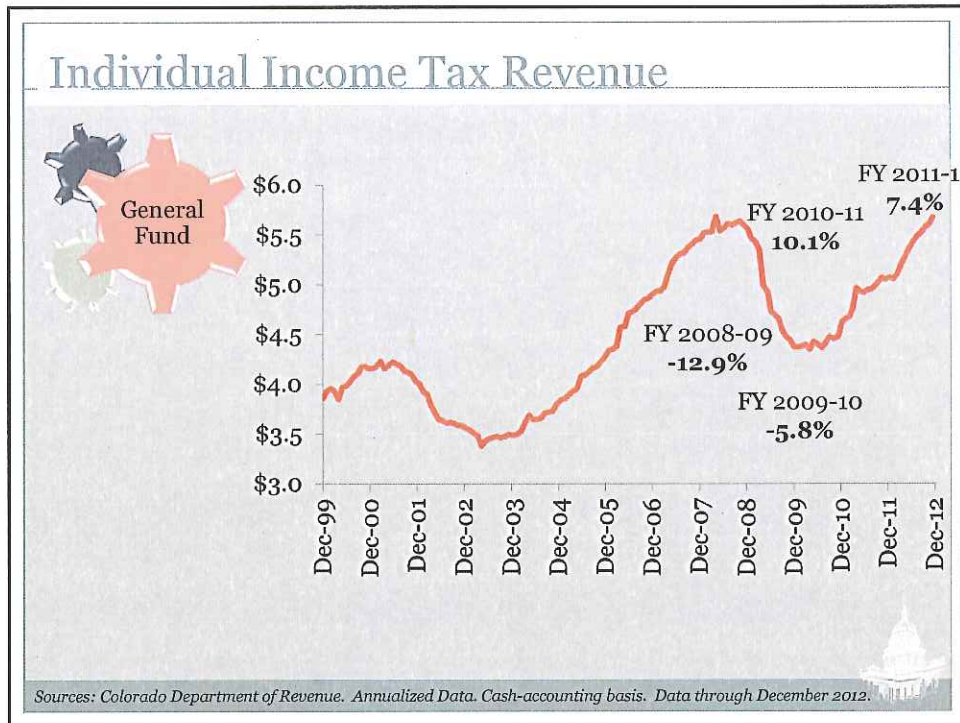








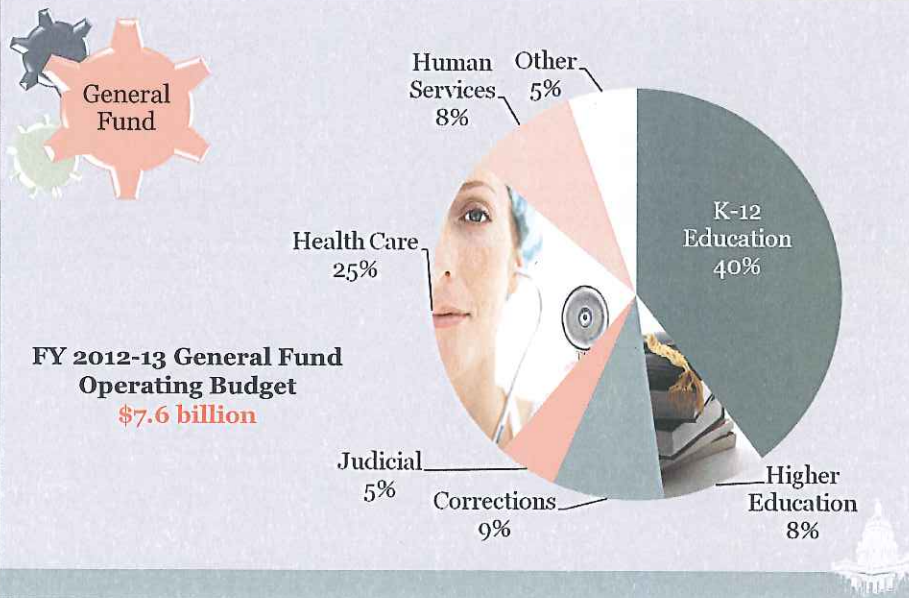




General Fund Budget

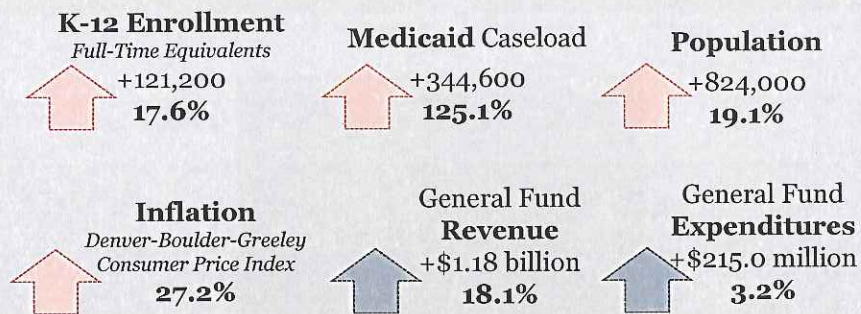


FY 2012-13 General Fund Budget



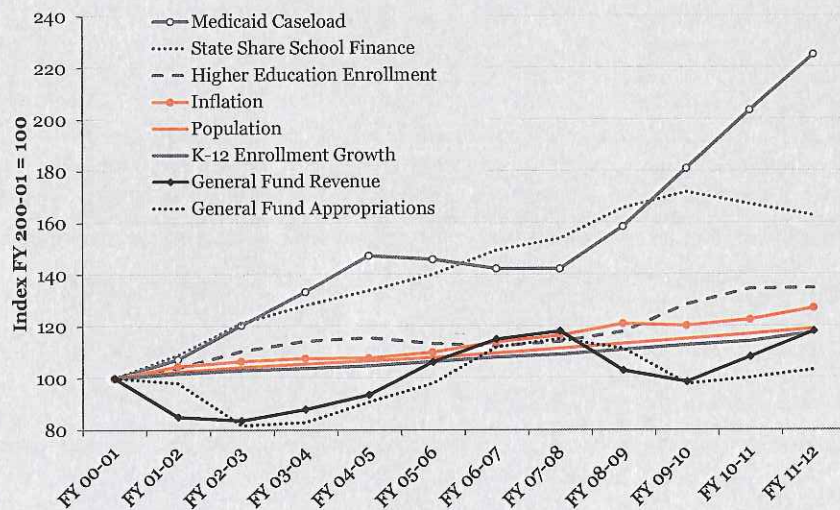
Caseload Growth & the General Fund Budget

Growth between FY 2000-01 and FY 2011-12 for...



Sources: Colorado Department of Education, U.S. Census Bureau, & Bureau of Labor Statistics, and JBC Staff.

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A Sample of Major Actions Used to Balance Budget

- **Cash Fund Transfers to the General Fund**
 - Mostly Severance Tax Funds
- **Reduced Reserve Requirements**
- **Increase Revenue**
 - Sales Tax on Cigarettes
 - Roll Back Various Sales Tax Exemptions/Vendor Fee & Income Tax Credits
- **Federal Stimulus Funds**
 - Medicaid, Education, Prisons, Human Services Programs
- **Permanent and One-Time Cuts to Programs**
 - Education, PK-12 and Higher Education
 - Medicaid Programs/Provider Reimbursements
 - Senior Property Tax Exemption
 - Prisons – Closing Prisons
 - State Employee Salary Freeze/Pension Adjustments



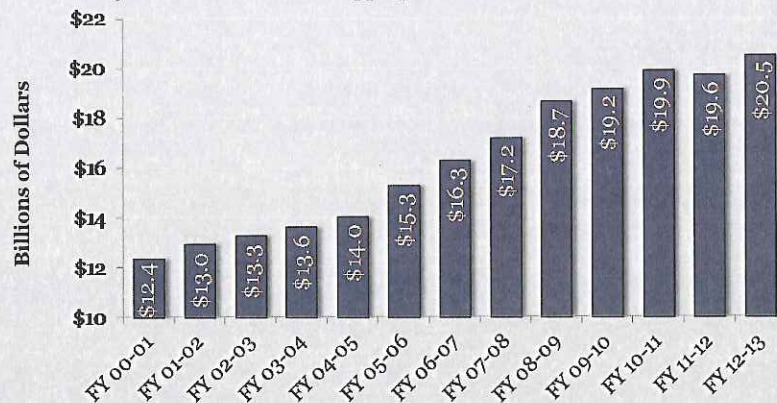
What About the Next 15 Years?

- **The aging of the population will:**
 - Change the housing mix, likely dampening growth in housing values and the property tax base;
 - Change income and spending patterns, likely dampening growth in the income and sales tax bases; and
 - Increase demand for government services, applying further budget pressure on governments.
- The economy is still recovering and must work through debt and imbalances before growing again at potential.



Total Appropriations from All Sources

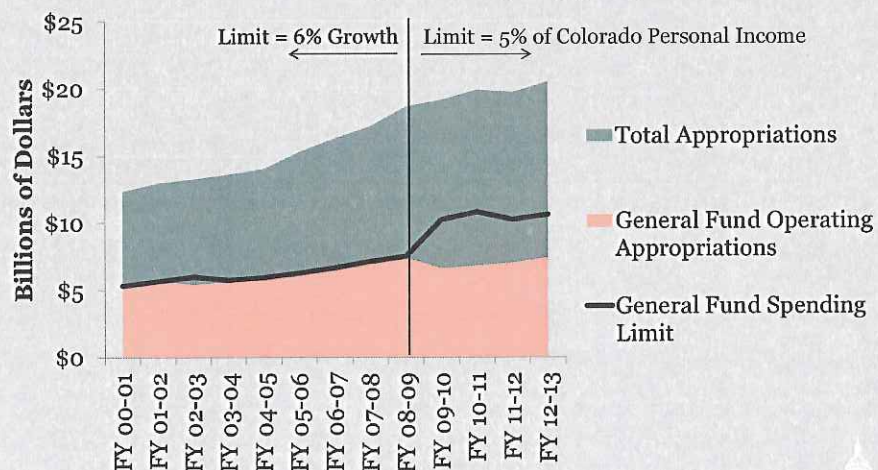
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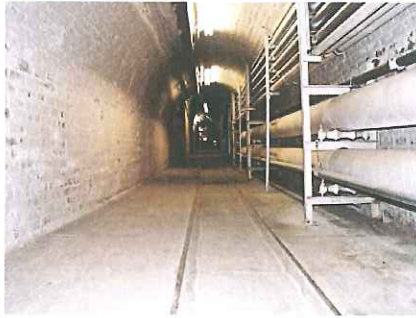
Source: Joint Budget Committee Staff.

General Fund Spending Limit

Limits General Fund Operating Appropriations



The Constitution and the State Budget

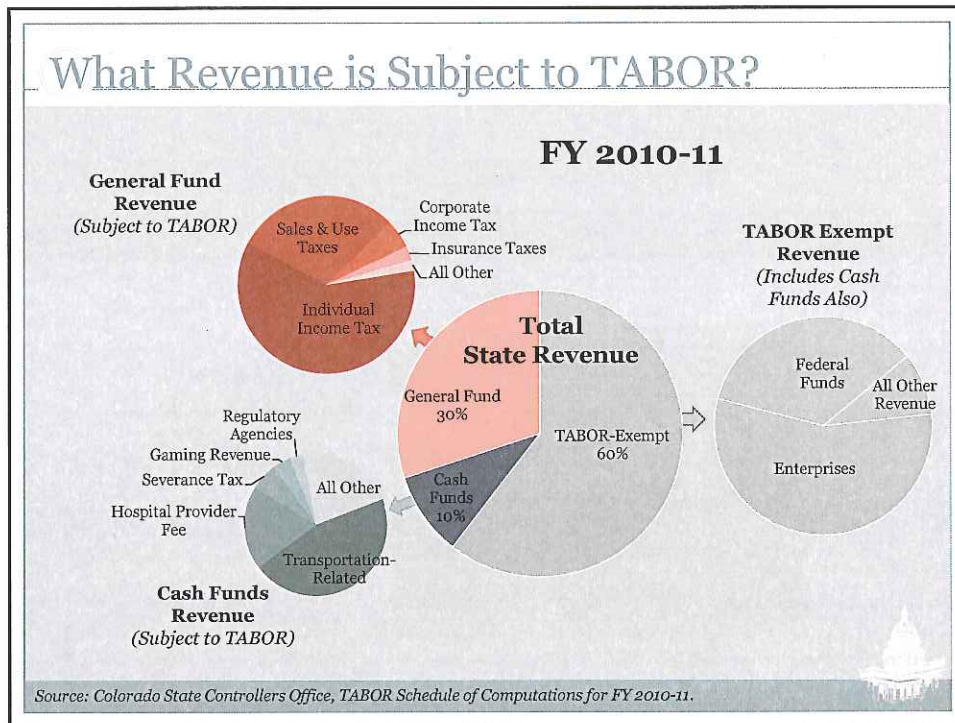


TABOR
REFERENDUM C
GALLAGHER
AMENDMENT 23

The TABOR Amendment

- TABOR Provisions limiting state spending
 - Spending limit on specific revenue (TABOR limit)
 - Voter approval required for tax increases
 - Voter approval required for revenue changes (revenue retained above the TABOR limit)



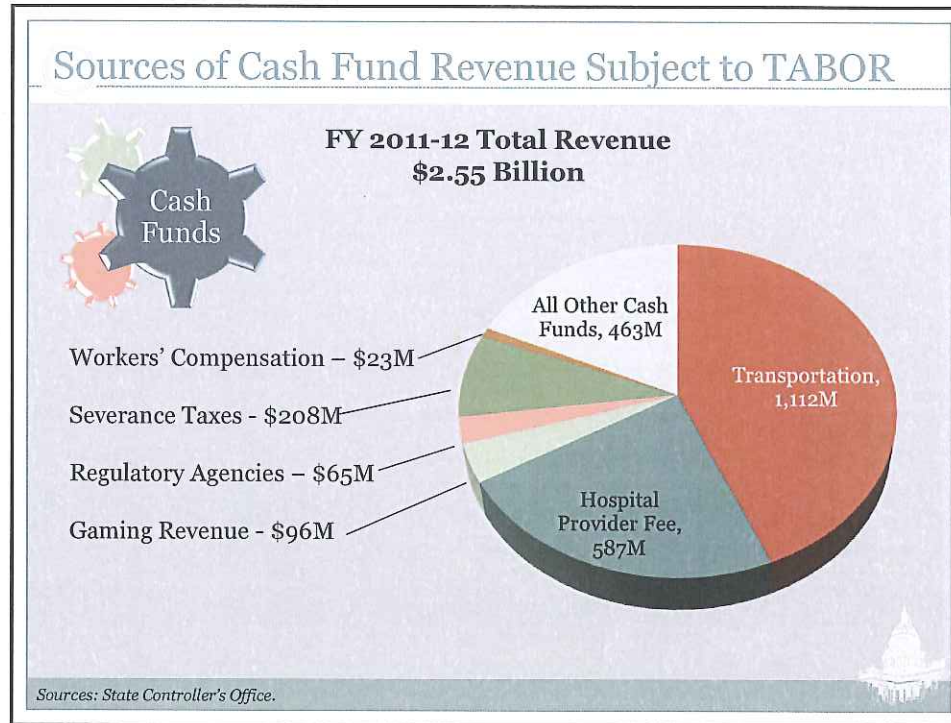


Definition: Fiscal Year Spending

- **The Lesser of:**
 - Revenue Subject to TABOR
 - and
 - The TABOR Limit
- **Also Known As:**
"TABOR Base"

The amount of money TABOR allows the state to keep and spend each year.

Includes All Revenue Received by the State Except:
Refunds, gifts and donations, money from the federal government, employee pension contributions, pension fund earnings, damage awards, property sales, reserve transfers or expenditures.



TABOR-Exempt Cash Fund Revenue (Examples)

Revenue Source	FY 2010-11
Higher Education Enterprises	\$6.4 Billion
Colorado Lottery	\$528 Million
Unemployment Insurance	\$2.1 Billion
Amendment 35 Tobacco Tax	\$151 Million
Federal Mineral Leasing	\$153 Million
Unclaimed Property	\$62 Million
Division of Wildlife	\$121 Million
Tobacco MSA	\$89 Million
State Nursing Homes	\$53 Million
Statewide Bridge Enterprise (FASTER)	\$11.3 Million
Corrections Enterprises	\$67 Million

Sources: State Controller's Office.

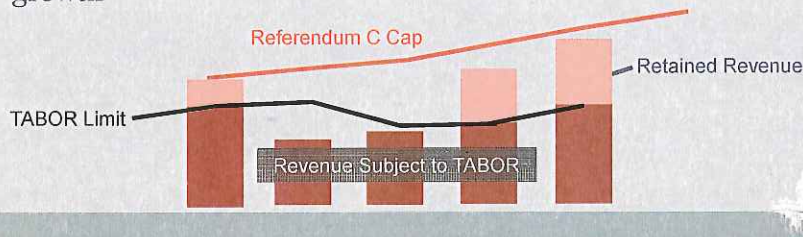
TABOR Spending Limit

- **TABOR Limit**

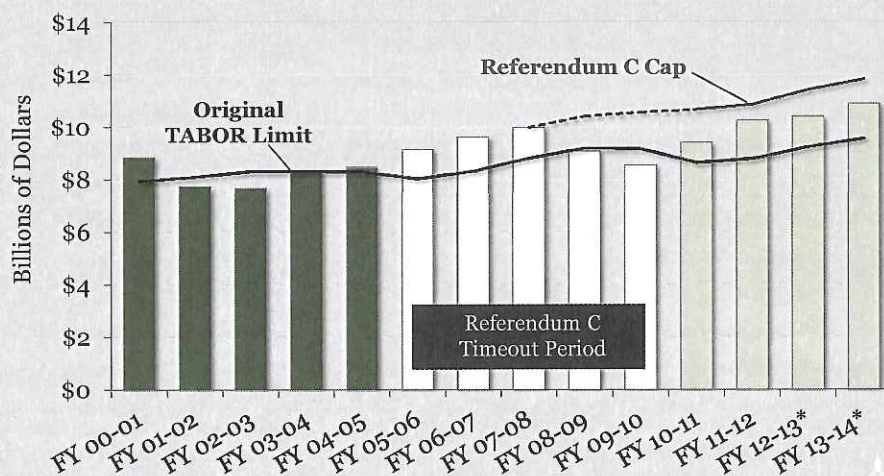
Previous fiscal year's *spending* grown by inflation & population growth
+ Voter-approved revenue changes

- **Referendum C Cap**

- Highest revenue retained during "five-year timeout" period
- Previous fiscal year's *cap* grown by inflation and population growth



TABOR and Referendum C



*Legislative Council Staff September 2012 forecast.

Source: Colorado State Controllers Office and Legislative Council Staff.

The Constitution & School Finance

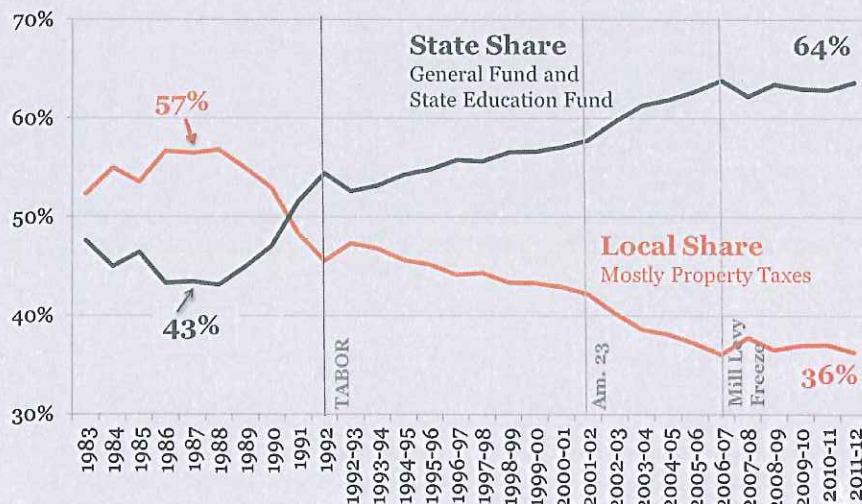
K-12 Public Schools

State Funding =
Total Program Funding
Minus
Local Share

Mostly Property Taxes



Over the Last 30 Years...



Note: Prior to 1993, K-12 funding was done on a calendar year basis.

The Constitution & School Finance

- **Gallagher Amendment**
 - 45/55 Property Tax Base Ratio
 - Adjusts the Residential Assessment Rate
- **TABOR**
 - Requires a vote to increase the Residential Assessment Rate or Mill Levy
- **Amendment 23**
 - Requires "Total Program" to Increase



Residential Assessment Rate

